

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

SPRING 2016

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS

**Police and Fire
Emergency**
9-1-1

Police Non-Emergency
(815) 726-2491

**City Hall Information/
Questions**
(815) 724-4000

Complaint Line
(815) 724-4005

**Water & Sewer
Billing**
(815) 724-3820

**Building Dept./
Inspections**
(815) 724-4070

**Public Utilities
(Water & Sewer)**
(815) 724-4220

Public Works
(815) 724-4200

Roadways
(815) 724-3650

**City Manager
Jim Hock**
(815) 724-3720

**Mayor
Bob O'Dekirk**
(815) 724-3700

COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Larry Hug
(District 1)**
(815) 724-3746

**Pat Mudron
(District 2)**
(815) 724-3749

John Gerl (District 3)
(815) 724-3720

Bettye Gavin (District 4)
(815) 724-3745

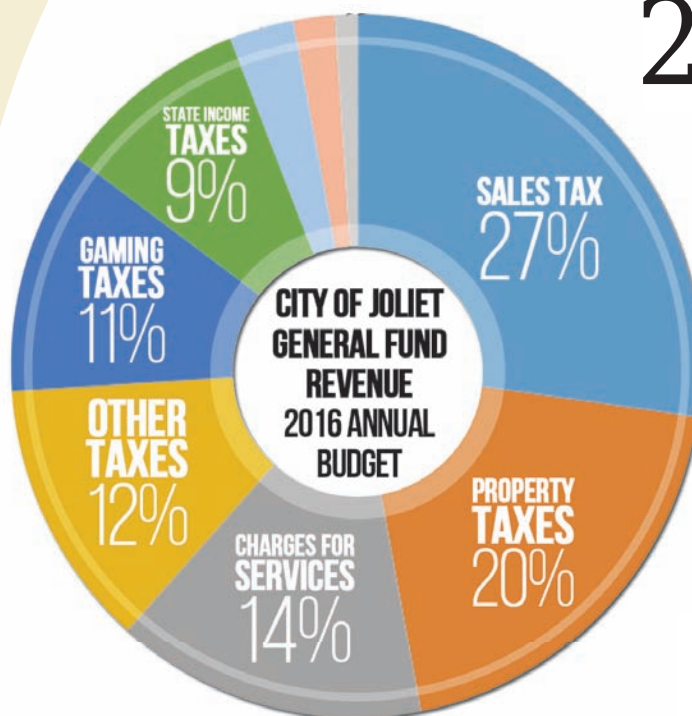
Terry Morris (District 5)
(815) 724-3742

**Jim McFarland
(At Large)**
(815) 242-1233

**Jan Hallums-Quillman
(At Large)**
(815) 724-3744

**Mike Turk
(At Large)**
(815) 724-3747

City Council Adopts 2016 Budget



On December 21, 2015 the City Council adopted the 2016 budget appropriating \$289,141,646 for the City of Joliet's 16 funds. The City's General Fund had an appropriation of \$174,560,042 that would be covered by \$167,770,989 in revenue and a use of reserves of \$6,789,053.

General Fund Revenue

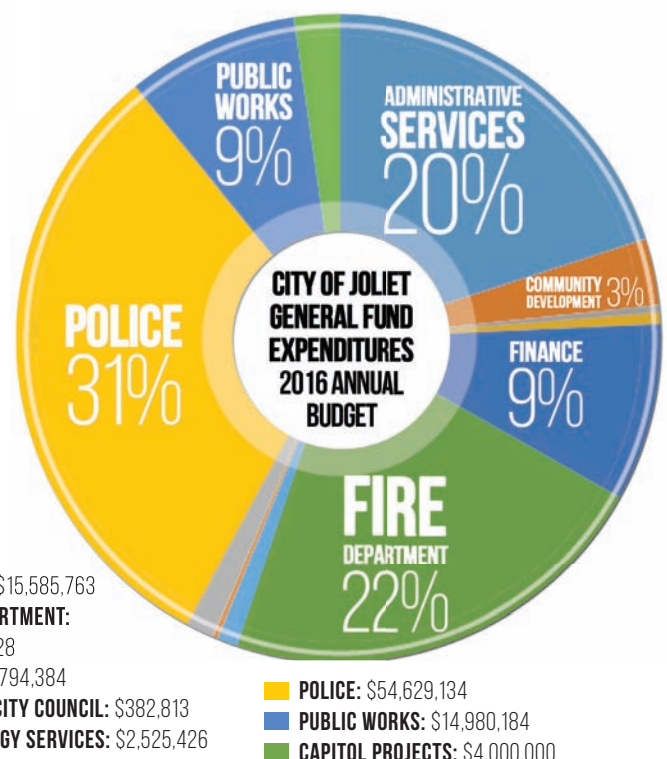
The 2016 budget anticipates revenues in the General Fund of \$167,770,989. Sales Tax (27 percent) and Property Tax (20 percent) are the largest source of City revenue. Other revenue sources are presented in the graph to the left.

SALES TAX: \$45,681,324	GAMING TAXES: \$18,900,000
PROPERTY TAXES: \$33,345,000	STATE INCOME TAXES: \$14,900,000
CHARGES FOR SERVICES: \$24,183,865	FINES & FEES: \$4,934,200
OTHER TAXES: \$20,912,500	OTHER REVENUE: \$3,153,600

General Fund Expenditures

The 2016 budget anticipates expenditures in the General Fund of \$174,560,042. The Police (31 percent) and Fire (22 percent) departments are the largest source of City expenditures. Other departmental expenditures are presented in the graph to the right.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES: \$34,932,851	FINANCE: \$15,585,763
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: \$5,798,111	FIRE DEPARTMENT: \$38,270,728
CITY CLERK: \$670,987	LEGAL: \$1,794,384
CITY MANAGER: \$989,661	MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL: \$382,813
	TECHNOLOGY SERVICES: \$2,525,426



POLICE: \$54,629,134
PUBLIC WORKS: \$14,980,184
CAPITOL PROJECTS: \$4,000,000

SAFETY & HELP

911 Information

For anyone who needs help immediately, but can't talk to a 911 dispatcher, there's a new option now available in Will County. Will County 911 is offering text-to-911 service for anyone within the county. Verizon, Sprint, AT&T and T-Mobile customers can text their exact location and the nature of their emergency to 911 and a dispatcher will respond. This is especially helpful for those who are deaf, hard of hearing, or speech impaired. Keep in mind that text messages can take longer to send or receive so Emergency Telephone System officials say that calling 911 is still the best option.

If there is an emergency and you are unable to make a voice call, remember these steps:

1. **Know your location - Text your exact location**
2. **Text what you need - Text what emergency help is needed - Police, Fire, Emergency Medical**
3. **Be clear - Send a short message without abbreviations or slang**
4. **Stay calm - Answer questions and follow instructions from the 9-1-1 call taker**

Text only if you cannot get through by voice. Text to 911 should only be used in an emergency situation, when someone is unable to speak, or, when speaking out loud would put the caller in danger. More information on 911 can be found at willcounty9-1-1.com

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Hello, Spring

*Message from Bob O'Dekirk,
Mayor of Joliet*

Dear Neighbor,

I would like to extend greetings to all of our residents. As we come to the end of another winter, I would like to personally thank our City employees for all their efforts throughout the cold winter months, with a special thanks going to our snow plow operators and staff.



BOB O'DEKIRK
Mayor of Joliet

With spring approaching, we can all look forward to a number of great events coming to Joliet, including a growing number of events planned for our downtown area. I would encourage all of you to take advantage and support these events, as well as supporting the concerts and events held at Bicentennial Park.

Finally, with another school year coming to an end, I would like to congratulate all of our students who will graduate this spring. You should be commended for your hard work and I wish you the best of luck in the future. Remember to thank your parents and your teachers for all the support they have given you.

If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see included in our newsletter, contact Peggy Thomas, Communications Coordinator for the City Manager's office, at pthomas@jolietcity.org or call (815) 724-3730.

Yard Waste Pick-up Resumes April 1

The City of Joliet and Waste Management would like to remind the residents of Joliet that the resumption of yard waste collection will resume Friday, April 1. Yard waste collection had been suspended for the winter.

Residents desiring yard waste collection service are reminded that yard waste must be placed in permanent-type, 33-gallon refuse containers which are identified with a "YARD WASTE ONLY" sticker or in 32-gallon disposable Kraft paper bags (no "YARD WASTE ONLY" sticker necessary). Yard waste will not be collected in plastic bags of any type or size or in containers larger than 33 gallons.

Yard waste set out for collection in permanent-type containers must have a "YARD WASTE ONLY" sticker on the container and be clearly visible from the street. These "YARD WASTE ONLY" stickers are available, free of charge, at all Jewel stores and Certified Warehouse Foods in the City of Joliet and the Joliet Municipal Building at the Information Desk.

Brush and branches may either be placed in the above mentioned permanent-type containers or Kraft paper bags or may be tied in bundles not exceeding 4 feet in length nor weighing more than 50 pounds per bundle. No "YARD WASTE ONLY" sticker is necessary for bundled yard waste. Yard waste containers must contain only yard waste. State law prohibits collection of mixed loads of yard waste and other refuse. For more information, please call (815) 724-4000.

Joliet considers benefits of Mobile App

The City of Joliet is considering developing a public-access smartphone mobile application. Many cities have these "apps," which provide specific capabilities deemed valuable to each respective community. Joliet is no different, so if an application is developed, we want to ensure that citizens have ample opportunity to provide input about what the app would provide. Other agencies, like the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce and the Joliet City Center Partnership, have agreed to provide input as well to ensure that the business community has a prominent voice in the process.

In this day and age, there seems to be an app for just about everything, so a thorough planning and review process is necessary to avoid duplicating functionality that can be easily referenced using existing apps. But, if you have a great new idea, please consider this your opportunity to chime in with ideas that you think are important. Please send an email to hearMyVoice@jolietcity.org with your ideas about what the app should do, and/or not do, and your input will be considered during the planning process.



A LOOK BACK

By the Numbers

A look at municipal service delivery in the City of Joliet

The fourth largest city in Illinois, Joliet covers 63 square miles and has almost 148,000 residents. The municipal services help to make our community a great place to live, work and do business.

Joliet has 516 miles of City-owned streets, 600 miles of water main, 550 miles of sewer main, 123 traffic signals, 38 bridges, 2,804 public parking spaces, 24,500 lighting fixtures (4,500 city and 20,000 ComEd) and 38 school zone warning flashers.

Services are delivered by a workforce of over 800 full-time employees who bring a wide range of formal education, experience and expertise to their jobs.

With the highly trained and accredited police force and firefighter-paramedic force, the City of Joliet's public safety programs rival those of any other community.

Joliet's public works and public utilities programs are the core of our municipal services. They pump water, maintain streets, treat sewage, plow the snow, keep the traffic signals operating, and trim the City parkway trees among other things.

Other municipal services nurture business investment, manage thousands of parking spaces and foster development that provides jobs, retail opportunities, eating places and housing that meets the needs of our growing community.

Though employees are assigned to different departments, and the jobs performed vary, all have the common mission of serving the many needs of the residents of Joliet.

HERE'S A SNAPSHOT OF SOME OF THEIR ACTIVITIES FROM THE YEAR THAT JUST ENDED

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC

- **92,530** calls for police service
- **104,002** 911 calls were received in the Joliet Communication Center.
- **16,820** ambulance calls by 9 ambulances across the City
- **3,173** fire department service calls, including structure fires, car, brush, & dumpster fires, including carbon monoxide calls, and fire alarms to name a few.
- **15,203** tons of salt spread during 16 separate snow events
- **216** water main breaks were repaired

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

- **100** scheduled block parties, school visits, and other community requests for fire trucks to attend their functions.
- **74** block party packet requests processed
- **51** council meetings / **64** committee meetings - **115** council/committee meetings total

- **608** graffiti violations removed
- **4,315** community relations issues addressed, including tenant/landlord disputes and local ordinance violations
- **5,552** service requests were answered by the Public Utilities Department

IMPROVING THE CITY

- **2,500** tons of asphalt used to patch potholes
- **20** miles of streets resurfaced
- **1.39** miles of streets reconstructed
- **50** miles of sewer mains were cleaned and video inspected
- **561** hydrants were repaired and 5 hydrants were replaced
- **2,700** trees removed
- **900** trees planted
- **3,000** trees trimmed

SUSTAINING THE ENVIRONMENT

- **50,831.2** tons of garbage hauled away
- **11,130.1** tons of recyclables collected

- **10,314.9** tons of yard waste hauled away

GROWING THE ECONOMY

- **\$45,914,893.97** sales taxes generated by local businesses
- **7,073** building permits issued totaling **\$296,602,790** worth of new valuation
- **4,410,509** square feet of industrial property received building permits (a **554%** increase over 2014)
- **243** new residential housing permits (an increase of **90%** over 2014)

COMMUNICATING INFORMATION

- **2,995** document requests processed under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act
- **173,000** City website page views in the last 3 months of 2015. Most popular pages were Make a Payment, Human Resources and Granicus Videos showing City Council Meetings.

CONSTRUCTION

Roadway Reconstruction

Since 1982, the Department of Public Works has reconstructed neighborhood streets within the City of Joliet. This program was previously accomplished through the City of Joliet's Neighborhood Improvement Program and is now being accomplished through the Roadway Reconstruction Program. The streets to be reconstructed through this program include residential or collector streets. The 2016 Roadway Reconstruction Program shall expend approximately \$1,800,000.00 with funding from the City's Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) and Community Development Block Grant monies.



The following is a listing of streets to be reconstructed with the 2016 Roadway Reconstruction Program:

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| 1. Scribner Street (Cass Street - Sterling Avenue) | Storm Sewer / Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction |
| 2. Osgood Street (Chicago Street - Sherman Street) | Storm Sewer / Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction |
| 3. Second Avenue (Eastern Avenue - Sherman Street) | Storm Sewer / Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction |
| 4. Frank Avenue (Center Street - Broadway Street) | Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction |
| 5. Benton Street (Herkimer Street - Collins Street) | Storm Sewer / Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction |
| 6. Clay Street (Herkimer Street - Collins Street) | Storm Sewer / Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction |
| 7. Herkimer Street (Jackson Street - Clay Street) | Storm Sewer / Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction |
| 8. Mason Avenue (Raub Street - Center Street) | Curb and Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction |
| 9. Mayfield Avenue (Springfield Avenue - Madison Street) | Storm Sewer / Curb & Gutter / Roadway Reconstruction |

These streets shall be reconstructed from late Spring through Thanksgiving, 2016.

Additionally, the Public Works Department shall perform a maintenance resurfacing on various streets city-wide with the 2016 Roadway Resurfacing Program. This Roadway Resurfacing Program shall be funded with approximately \$2,750,000.00 of MFT monies. The list of streets to be resurfaced shall be in a later newsletter as that contract shall not be awarded until May or June of 2016.

Property owners are advised to seek alternate routes when a given street is being reconstructed accordingly. Please feel free to call the Department of Public Works at (815) 724-4200 should you have any further questions regarding the 2016 Roadway Reconstruction Program.



Interested in hosting a Block Party?

Here's What You Need To Do...

If you are interested in hosting a Block Party, it is necessary for you to allow enough time (minimum 4 weeks) for processing and to acquire an approval letter from the City of Joliet Business Services Department located in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall. A state photo-ID of the contact individual and signatures of the residents on the street proposed to be closed must be submitted with the application. The City of Joliet does not provide barricades and parked vehicle usage is prohibited. Please keep in mind that barricades should be easily moveable for emergency accessibility. Depending on the requested event situation, additional applications may be required. City of Joliet Code of Ordinance Chapter 26, Article V allows for the City right-of-way to be temporarily closed, if approved.

The Open Air Meeting (Block Party) Permit Application can be found on our City website at cityofjoliet.info, click on the "Permits & Forms" button found on our homepage, then click on Business Services under the "City Clerk" section, and then scroll down and click on the "Open Air Meetings (Block Party)" link to open the PDF application. Contact the Business Services Department at businessservices@jolietcity.org or (815) 724-3905 for any questions.

Route 66 - Red Carpet Corridor Weekend

Mark your calendars for Mother's Day weekend (May 7-8) when Route 66 aficionados will celebrate the 90th anniversary of historic Route 66. A host of activities will extend along the roadway corridor within communities from Joliet to Pontiac. Start your weekend with free admission to the Joliet Area Historical Museum, take a self-guided walking tour to learn about the history of Downtown Joliet, and drive the Mother Road.

Details regarding times and specific Joliet Area events will be posted on the City website cityofjoliet.info by mid-April or contact the Heritage Corridor Convention and Visitor's Bureau at (800) 926-2262 for more information.

Property Tax Time:

Who Do I Call If I Have Questions?

Will County General Real Estate Tax Bill Information

Residents residing within Will County boundary limits can contact the Will County Supervisor of Assessments Office for the following property tax related questions and information. The Will County Supervisor of Assessments Office is located at 302 N. Chicago St., in Joliet, IL, 60432. The Will County Supervisor of Assessments is the most reliable resource for assessment information. While this office does not assess property, they work closely with local township assessors to ensure taxpayers get the most accurate and up-to-date property tax news and data. The Will County Supervisor of Assessments Office can be reached at (815) 740-4648, or visit their website at willcountysoa.com. All information in this article is from willcountysoa.com website.

Hours of operation are Monday- Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., except on observed holidays. If you have any further tax related questions, you may need to contact one or more of these following Will County or Township Departments:

- **For an explanation on how your assessment was determined**, contact your Township Assessor. Your Township Assessor's phone number is listed on the back of your tax bill.
- **For assessment, property description, multiplier and exemption questions**, contact the Will County Supervisor of Assessments at (815) 740-4648, or visit willcountysoa.com
- **For tax rate and tax levy questions**, contact the Will County Clerk at (815) 740-4615 or visit thewillcountyclerk.com
- **For property tax billing and payment information**, contact the Will County Treasurer at (815) 740-4675 or visit willcountytreasurer.com

Residents should note that Tax bills are mailed out in the month of May. If you do not receive your bill, contact the Will County Treasurer's Office at (815) 740-4675. For a list of Frequently Asked Real Estate Tax Related Questions (FAQ's) visit willcountytaxbill.com/faq/

Kendall County General Real Estate Tax Bill Information

Residents residing within Kendall County boundary limits can contact the Kendall County Office for the following tax related questions and information. The Kendall County Office and Supervisor of Assessments Office is located at 111 West Fox St. in Yorkville, IL, 60560. The Supervisor of Assessments for Kendall County can be reached at (630) 553-4146 for property tax questions, or you can visit their website at co.kendall.il.us/assessments. All information in this article is from co.kendall.il.us/assessments website.

Hours of operation are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., except on observed holidays. If you have any further tax related questions, you may need to contact one or more of these following Kendall County or Township Departments:

- **For an explanation on how your assessment was determined**, contact your

Township Assessor. Your Township Assessor's phone number is listed on the back of your tax bill.

- **For assessment, property description, multiplier and exemption questions**, contact the Kendall County Supervisor of Assessments at (630) 553-4146 or visit co.kendall.il.us/assessments
- **For tax rate and tax levy questions**, contact the Kendall County Clerk at (630) 553-4104 or visit co.kendall.il.us/county-clerk/
- **For property tax billing and payment information**, contact the Kendall County Collector at (630) 553-4124 or visit co.kendall.il.us/treasurer/

Residents should note that Tax bills are mailed out in the month of May. If you do not receive your tax bill, contact the Kendall County Collector at (630) 553-4124. For further information call the Kendall County Treasurer at (630) 553-4124 or visit co.kendall.il.us/treasurer/tax-bill-information.

SAFETY

APRIL IS ... SAFE DIGGING MONTH

When to call?

Both the call and JULIE's services are free.

You may be surprised by what's buried in your yard. Most electric, gas, water, sewer, and telecommunications companies are delivering utility services underground. To avoid personal injury and damage to those underground lines, state law requires you to contact JULIE before any digging project, regardless of the project size or depth.

Are you planning any of the following projects?

- DECKS & PATIOS
- FENCES
- SIGNS
- TREES OR SHRUBS
- SWING SETS
- TENTS
- MAILBOX POSTS
- FOUNTAINS
- GARDENS
- ROOM ADDITIONS
- LANDSCAPING
- SWIMMING POOLS



- and email address
2. The location the excavation will take place, including county, city or unincorporated township, section and quarter section numbers if available, address, cross street (within 1/4 mile), subdivision name, etc.
3. Start date and time of planned excavation
4. Type and extent of excavation involved
5. Pre-marking the dig area by outlining with white paint, flags, or stakes

You can prevent injury and avoid damage by following these four important steps:

1. Call 811 or 1 (800) 892-0123 or Click E-Request at illinois1call.com before you dig.
2. Wait the required amount of time (two working days after your call or click).
3. Respect the marks and Dig with care.

Checklist for a Locate Request

1. Your name, address, phone number,

Building Permits

Most people are aware that Permits are required for new construction, but did you know they are also required for roofs, siding, fences, decks, pools, and remodeling? If you are uncertain if permits are required for your project, contact the City of Joliet Building Services Division at (815) 724-4070.

Pool Safely

The City of Joliet requires Permits for the installation of swimming pools. A fencing prerequisite is required by City Ordinance. If you are installing a pool, let us help you plan a safe and suitable location. All above-ground swimming pool permits are free. Contact us at (815) 724-4070 or visit us at City Hall.

The City of Joliet Building Services Division encourages all residents to carefully follow Pool Safety Rules.

1. How safe is your existing pool?
2. Is the pool fenced?

3. Are there self-closing gates and latching devices?
4. Do you have gate, door, or pool alarms in use?
5. Are all pool and spa covers in proper working order?
6. Was the electrical properly installed and inspected?
7. Has someone in the family received CPR and First Aid training?
8. Has everyone learned to swim?

Visit poolsafely.gov for additional tips and advice.

Remember that constant supervision is an important step to ensure safety. Have a happy and safe summer.

NEWS BRIEFS

Are you ready to become a Homeowner?

SAVE THE DATE: The City of Joliet, the Three Rivers Association of REALTORS® and the Will County Center for Community Concerns are partnering to host a City of Joliet Housing Expo on April 9 from 9 a.m. to noon at Joliet West High School, 401 N. Larkin Ave., Joliet. Don't miss this Expo if you are thinking of buying a home in Joliet!

The Expo will feature:

- Down-Payment Assistance Presentation.
- 1:1 Housing Counseling
- Exhibitors including City Services, Neighborhood Amenities, Financial Institutions, Real Estate Offices and more
- Guided Neighborhood and Home Tours.
- Informational Guide to a City-wide Open House



If you or someone you know has thought about buying a home in Joliet, this Expo will provide the information and tools necessary to pursue that goal. For more information, please contact (815) 724-4100.

Special Census Coming in 2016



Every ten years the federal government conducts a nationwide census to determine population and demographic changes within the United States. The data is used for economic and social planning, determining congressional districts, and a host of other purposes. The last census occurred in 2010.

The State of Illinois uses census results to determine how much money is returned to cities from fuel taxes and the income tax. Growing communities such as Joliet often conduct a special census to account for residents who have moved into newly constructed homes. Rather than wait until the 2020 census, Joliet has chosen to count new residents in a 2016 special census. This will result in Joliet receiving four years of additional revenue prior to the next nationwide census. It is estimated that the special census will result in revenues of approximately \$900,000 being returned to Joliet from the State.

The special census will occur during the summer, and will focus only upon neighborhoods that had significant new construction since 2010. Current estimates indicate that approximately 1,500 residents moved to Joliet since the last census. While most of the community will not be part of the special census, the City will provide information to those affected neighborhoods when the U.S. Census Bureau provides a schedule of activity.

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Dealing with door to door peddlers & solicitors

From time to time, you may hear a knock at your door and find an unfamiliar face on the other side. While it may be a new neighbor introducing themselves or perhaps a candidate for office seeking support, frequently it is a solicitor trying to sell you something. Many homeowners may be annoyed by door-to-door solicitors and wonder what can be done about these bothersome visits. Are the solicitors within their rights or infringing upon yours?

In Joliet, door-to-door salespeople are regulated by city ordinance Sec 22-64 which states:

Any resident of the city of Joliet who wishes to exclude peddlers or solicitors from premises occupied by him may place upon or near the usual entrance to such premises a printed placard or sign bearing the following notice: "Peddlers Prohibited". The placard shall be at least three and three-quarters (3¾) inches long and three and three-quarters (3¾) inches wide and the printing shall not be smaller than forty-eight (48) point type. No peddler/solicitor shall enter in or upon any premises or attempt to enter in or upon any premises where such placard or sign is placed and maintained.

You should approach every solicitor with caution. No matter how innocent a person looks through your



BRIAN BENTON
Chief of Police

peephole, NEVER open the door to a stranger. However, if for whatever reason you find yourself opening the door to what you believe is a solicitor, here are some additional security and safety measures that can help keep you and your family safe: If at any time you feel uncomfortable with the person, quickly shut and lock your door, then ask the individual to leave. If they don't do as you ask, call the police. While allowing a solicitor into your home is a BAD idea, if you decide to do so, call a neighbor or a friend and notify them of what you're doing. Ask that they call the police if you don't call them back at a predetermined time.

If you have a home alarm system equipped with a remote panic button, have it on your person. Pressing the panic button will notify your monitoring station to immediately summon the local police. If you don't have a home alarm system, the panic button on your car key can also be used if your car is within close range to draw attention. When it comes to solicitors, it's better to be safe than sorry. Keeping your door closed to strangers is the best way to protect you and your family from the annoyances of salespeople and the dangers of criminals in disguise.

- Police Chief Brian Benton

Support your local Joliet Slammers

The Joliet Slammers are a professional minor league baseball team who play at Silver Cross Field in downtown Joliet - within walking distance of Joliet Union Station and two Metra commuter lines.

The Slammers are the only professional sports team in all of Will County and offer affordable, family fun, and entertainment. Opening night 2016 is set for Tuesday, May 17 at 7:05 p.m. and games continue to run until early September.

Season long promotions include popular \$2 Tuesdays where tickets start at just \$2 and post-game fireworks shows every Friday night! Fans won't want to miss the exciting first half of the season

promotions like Princess Night on June 3 where fans have the chance to meet real princesses like Ana and Elsa, or the Slammers Bark in the Park Day on June 5 when fans can bring their dog to the game. The Slammers will also host two Education Days on May 18 and May 25 at 10:05 a.m.

For a complete schedule and list of promotions visit jolietslammers.com. Individual game day tickets range from \$7 to \$14. Fans can save \$2 on tickets by purchasing in advance. Free parking is available. Visit the Joliet Slammers box office at 1 Mayor Art Schultz Dr. or call (815) 722-2287 for more information. Don't forget to follow the Slammers on Facebook at facebook.com/jolietslammers.

Garage Sale Permit



Spring Cleaning means Garage Sales for many people. City of Joliet citizens must get a garage sale permit if they intend to conduct a garage sale. Each individual address can have two sales per year. Neighborhood/Subdivision/Groups can also have two sales per year for five or more addresses. Dates of sale must be consecutive and cannot exceed four days. Cost for one individual address is \$6 per sale and for a Neighborhood/Subdivision/Group the cost is \$30 per sale.

Garage Sale Permits can only be obtained in person at the City of Joliet Municipal Building located at 150 W. Jefferson Street in downtown Joliet during regular business hours Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Parking is free for up to 30 minutes outside of City Hall in designated spots. Residents cannot apply or pay online for a garage sale permit and permits will not be mailed.

For Neighborhood/Subdivision/Groups (Five or more addresses), applicant(s) will need to provide the following: name of subdivision, name of person in charge of the garage sale, names (first and last) of all participants, complete addresses of all participants. Names cannot be added after permit has been issued.

Applications can be downloaded at cityofjoliet.info/residents/garage-sales-permit but they must be brought and paid for in person to the above address. There are no rain dates, no substitutions and no refunds. For more information contact (815) 724-4000.

Spanish translation of Newsletter available online

El Boletín de la ciudad de Joliet está disponible en español. Para ver una copia del boletín en español, por favor visita nuestra pagina visitjoliet.org/what-s-new/city-newsletters



Library Events



All programs are free to attend. For more information or to register visit jolietlibrary.org or call (815) 740-2660.

Ottawa Street Branch: 150 N. Ottawa Street, Joliet • **Black Road Branch:** 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

Starts May 1

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Children's and Adult program begins June 1. Teen program starts May 1. The Joliet Public Library's popular summer reading program returns this summer and readers of all ages are invited to join in on the fun! Read books, attend free programs, and submit reading logs for the chance to win prizes. Reading Logs can be turned in at either library location or online. Visit jolietlibrary.org/summerreading for more information.

April 9

DOC MCSTUFFINS

10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Black Road Branch
Ages 2 to 6, registration opens March 28. The doctor is in! Bring a stuffed animal friend for a check-up and explore the fun of Doc McStuffins through games and stories.

April 12 & 14 (Black Road) & May 17 & 19 (Ottawa Street)

INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOSHOP 1 & 2

6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Registration required, patron must be familiar with basic computer use. Discover the power of Photoshop in this two part hands-on class!

April 19

BOARD GAME NIGHT

5:30 to 8:30 p.m.,
Ottawa Street Branch
Grades 1-6, no registration required. Are you bored? Come to Board Game Night!

April 20

PAINT - N - SIP

6 to 7:30 p.m., Black Road Branch
Grades 6 to 12, registration required. Grab a juice box and learn how to replicate a painting with step-by-step instructions.

April 21

SPRING PLANTING

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Black Road Branch
All ages with adult, registration opens April 4. Bring your family and learn how to make biodegradable pots and plant flowers to brighten your yard.

April 25

HOME ALONE

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Black Road Branch
Grades K-5, registration opens April 11. Volunteers from the American Red Cross will help students learn



FEATURED EVENT: 7TH ANNUAL STAR WARS™ DAY

June 4

7TH ANNUAL STAR WARS DAY

Ottawa Street Branch
A celebration of literacy that's out of this world!
A family friendly festival of galactic proportions complete with over 80 costumed Star Wars characters,

games, live music, prize drawings, movie prop exhibits, and more.

The daylong event will kick off at 11 a.m. in Downtown Joliet with a parade of costumed characters. Visit jolietlibrary.org/starwarsday for more information.

basic knowledge on how to deal with strangers, what to do if an emergency happens, how to call 9-1-1, and how to respond to specific emergencies.

May 2

MESSY MASTERPIECES

4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Black Road Branch
Ages 4-8, registration opens April 18. Get messy and have fun making art with paint, glue, bubbles and other materials. Please wear old clothes.

May 3

2016 "KEEP CALM AND READ ON" BOOK BUZZ TOUR

6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Black Road Branch
Adults, registration required. Book lovers, be the first to know about hot new titles from Penguin/ Random House! Attendees will get free Advanced Reader's Copies of select forthcoming books, a tote bag and tips on great upcoming titles to watch for!

May 12

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

4:30 to 5:15 p.m., Black Road Branch
Ages 3-8, registration opens April 25. This special storytime for Spanish and English speakers will give children exposure to books and activities in both languages.

May 15

TRASH OR TREASURE WITH REX NEWELL

2 p.m., Ottawa Street Branch
Adults, registration required. Professional appraiser Rex Newell of Rex's Antiques will appraise and discuss your "hand-held" antiques and

collectibles. Due to time constraints, Rex will only be able to evaluate one item for the first 40 people who attend.

May 21

AL CAPONE AND THE ROUTE 66 CONNECTION

2 to 3 p.m., Ottawa Street Branch
Adults, registration required. Professional tour guide, Dave Clark will discuss the fascinating connections between notorious mobster, Al Capone and the Mother Road.

April 28 & May 26

TEEN BOOK CLUB

6 to 7:30 p.m., Black Road Branch
Grades 8 to 12, registration is required a week before event to ensure copy of book for next meeting. Join other teens in discussing various books. Free book and ice cream are provided.

June 25

ADULT COLORING FOR RELAXATION

2 to 3:30 p.m., Ottawa Street Branch
Return to your childhood for a bit, and enjoy a cup of tea as you color...and relax. Adult Coloring is a popular and easy way to flex your creativity, and revisit your artistic and playful side. Materials provided.

June 28

EARTH DAY EVERYDAY

2 to 3 p.m., Black Road Branch
Grades 1 to 5, registration required. Join us for a talk with the Will County Land Use Department as they demonstrate how we can make a difference by recycling!

EVENTS

Bicentennial Park Spring Calendar

All the below events are being held at Bicentennial Park located at 201 W. Jefferson St. Parking is free.

April 21 to 24

PROVIDENCE HIGH SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL

7 p.m. Thursday to Saturday
3 p.m. Sunday
Cost: \$8/ \$5. Providence students star in their spring musical.
Tickets (815) 485-2136 ext.3323

June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

42ND FREE "CONCERTS ON THE HILL"

6:30 p.m. Thursdays
Variety of entertainment at the bandshell every week.
More info (815) 724-3760

June 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 & 26

BICENTENNIAL SUMMER MUSICAL

7:30 p.m. Friday & Saturday
2:30 p.m. Sunday
Tickets: \$15/ \$10 available from (815) 724-3761.

June 20 to July 17

SUMMER YOUTH DRAMA CAMP

9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Open to all levels of interest! Meets Monday to Thursday.
Registration (815) 724-3761.
Ages 11 to 18 (\$250)
Ages 5 to 11 (\$180)



Joliet Area Historical Museum

Lego Mania on April 3

The Joliet Area Historical Museum is bringing back their spring event by popular demand! Join them for a family fun day filled with Lego building, a special Lego exhibit, Lego games, buffet lunch & much more!! All ages are welcome!

Tickets are \$35 for adults & \$25 for kids (ages 3 to 14). Space is limited so don't wait to order your tickets. For more information contact Liz McNeil at (815) 723-5201 ext. 221 or e.mcneil@jolietmuseum.org.

All proceeds are in support of the Museum's educational programming benefiting families and children in the Joliet Area.

Rialto Events

The Rialto Square Theatre is located at 102 N. Chicago St. in downtown Joliet. Opening in 1926, it was originally designed and operated as a vaudeville movie palace, but it now houses mainly musicals, plays, concerts, and standup comedy. It is also available for public and private functions. Designed in the Neo-Baroque style, it is considered one of "150 great places in Illinois" by the American Institute of Architects.

April 7
THE PARTY FEATURING PAULY SHORE, HARLAND WILLIAMS, TOM GREEN & BOBBY LEE
8 p.m. Tickets: V.I.P Meet & Greet \$75 (only available through Ticketmaster); All Other Seats \$35

April 8
JEFF FOXWORTHY & LARRY THE CABLE GUY - "WE'VE BEEN THINKING TOUR"
7 p.m. Tickets: \$199 (Includes Meet & Greet); \$54.50 - \$64.50 (Meet & Greet tickets **MUST** be purchased through Ticketmaster only and will be available at box office will call the day of the show)

April 20
SESAME STREET LIVE- "MAKE A NEW FRIEND"
10:30a.m. & 6:30p.m. Tickets Sunny Seats \$68.50 (Includes a VIP Seat and Pre-Show Photo Opportunity with two characters from the show. Only Available Through Ticketmaster)

April 23
ORGAN EXTRAVAGANZA - POPS CONCERT
7 p.m. Tickets: \$30
The show will feature a new song commissioned for opening number of the show, with the Joliet Symphony Orchestra, and its new conductor, Gonzalo Farias. The show will feature a multitude of combined Orchestra/Keyboardists selections in the Pops genre, including music from Star Wars, Superman, and Home Alone, featuring the genius of composer John Williams.

April 27
SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER
7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$36 - \$66
Saturday Night Fever - The Musical, the iconic story of Tony -the kid from Brooklyn USA- who wants to dance his way to a better life is back! Fueled by the vintage Bee Gee hits, this contemporary retelling of the classic story captures the energy, passion and life-changing moments that have thrilled movie audiences since 1977.

May 5
VINCE GILL
8 p.m. Tickets: \$42.50 - \$110

May 14
ROARING RIALTO SPEAKEASY
7 p.m. Tickets: \$90
Celebrating the Rialto 90th Anniversary. Black Tie Optional / Costume Encouraged. Appetizers, Drinks, Entertainment, Silent Auction.

April 16
ROCKDALE RAMBLIN' 10K RUN
8 a.m., Rockdale Grade School, 715 Meadow Ave., Rockdale
More info available at jpdun3.com

April 24
SPRING SCRAMBLE
9 a.m. Shotgun start, Inwood Golf Club, 3200 W. Jefferson St.

May 1
SUNSHINE & RAINBOWS LEARNING CENTER PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
2 to 4 p.m., Multi-Purpose Center, 3000 W. Jefferson St.

May 19
MARY POPPINS MOVIE
7 p.m. Tickets: \$5

May 20
MICHAEL CARBONARO
8 p.m. Tickets: V.I.P Meet & Greet \$150; All Other Seats \$34.50
Michael Carbonaro is an actor, host, magician, comedian and improv artist. Now most known for his original hidden camera magic series, THE CARBONARO EFFECT on truTV.

May 21
ARTRAGEOUS
8 p.m. Tickets: \$28.50 - \$68.50
Rarely do you get a chance to experience some of the best things in life, together in one place. ARTRAGEOUS is one such place—an interactive art and music experience. Paint jumps to life with amazing speed unveiling larger than life art in just moments. The evening is filled with music and images from your memories from Lennon, to Einstein to Bono.

May 24
RIALTO CELEBRATES 90 YEARS! RIALTO TOUR & ORGAN CONCERT
1:30p.m.; 2:30p.m.; 3:30p.m.
Tickets: FREE

May 24
RIALTO CELEBRATES 90 YEARS! DRINKS WITH THE DUCHESS CHANDELIER & BIRTHDAY CAKE
4:30p.m. Tickets: FREE

Five easy ways to order tickets:

In person, by mail, by fax, by phone or Ticketmaster.
For more information:
rialtosquare.com or call
(815) 726-6600.

May 1
CELEBRATING YOUNG CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL ART SHOW
2 to 4 p.m., Multi-Purpose Center, 3000 W. Jefferson St.

Starts May 1
MEN'S 8-ON-8 FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE
More info available at jolietpark.org

May 11
TOUCH A TRUCK
10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Multi-Purpose Center, 3000 W. Jefferson St.

May 14
GOLF CLUB DEMO DAY
11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Inwood Golf Club, 3200 W. Jefferson St.

May 20
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - THE FORTUNATE SONS (CREEDENCE CLEARWATER REVIVAL COVER BAND)
6:30 to 8 p.m., Preservation Park, Corner of Wilcox & Taylor

June 1
SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE
7 to 8 p.m., Multi-Purpose Center, 3000 W. Jefferson St.

June 3
SPLASH STATION WATERPARK OPENS
2780 Channahon Rd.
More info Season Pass: \$50 individual/ \$99 for 2 / \$ 119 family of four (resident prices) Daily Admission: \$9 adult / \$8 senior /

\$6 under 48" (resident prices) -
More info at joliet splashstation.com

June 9
LADIES NIGHT - GOLF/WINE
6 to 8 p.m., Inwood Golf Club, 3200 W. Jefferson St.

June 17
SUMMER CONCERT SERIES - STRUNG OUT (70'S CLASSIC ROCK)
6:30 to 8 p.m., Preservation Park, Corner of Wilcox & Taylor

June 24 to 26
TASTE OF JOLIET
ATI Field at Joliet Memorial Stadium, 3000 W. Jefferson St.
More info at tasteofjoliet.com

ROUTE 66

Raceway promises another season of exhilarating racing

Spring heats up at the World's Premier Drag Racing Facility as bracket series racers get ready for the 2016 season. Local competitors take advantage of the opportunity to put their vehicles to the ultimate test on the quarter-mile with the first of three Test & Tunes presented by O'Reilly Auto Parts on April 16. Then, on April 24 the first of eight Rockett Brand Racing Fuel ET Bracket Series races kick off.

Starting on May 1, Test & Tunes morph into Race Your Ride events presenting another 13 chances for adrenaline junkies to drive the same track that the stars of the NHRA will take on every year. Junior Dragsters get their first crack at the dragstrip on May 21, in the first of six competitions for the season.

Taking place under the lights on Saturday, June 4, the Four Seasons Heating, Air Conditioning and Plumbing Burndown at Sundown features jet-propelled, fire-breathing cars rocketing to speeds approaching 300 miles per hour. The Burndown at Sundown serves as a precursor for the Route 66 NHRA Nationals, July 7-10. The NHRA Mello Yello Drag Racing Series will feature a full day and one night of nitro qualifying. Here fans will be able to see who has the best speeds both under the sun and under the stars. The weekend culminates with the Championship on Sunday.

On August 20, the D'Arcy Buick GMC Route 66 Classic returns to pay homage to early drag racing and hot rod culture. Featuring nostalgia match racing including funny cars, gassers and pro stocks and a Show 'n Shine, the Route 66 Classic is a quarter-mile blast down memory lane.

For the full 2016 schedule of events at Route 66 Raceway visit Route66Raceway.com. Tickets are on sale now and will be available by visiting Route66Raceway.com or by calling (888) 629-RACE.

Joliet Park District Events

For questions about any of the below activities, please call the Joliet Park District at (815) 741-7275. More info available at jolietpark.org.

April 8 & 9
ANNUAL ICE SHOW
Friday 7 p.m. & Saturday 2 p.m. & 7 p.m., Inwood Ice Arena, 3000 W. Jefferson St.
Annual Show put on by the Inwood Skate School.